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The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

This is in response to your inquiry of 18 March 1985 on behalf of your constituent [redacted] who sent you a transcript of a portion of a recent "60 Minutes" program concerning medical research conducted by Dr. Ewen Cameron at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. As you may be aware, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), under project MKULTRA, made a very small grant to Dr. Cameron at McGill for a period of three years. In no way, however, did the CIA direct or otherwise control the research which had been ongoing for some years at the time the first grant was received.

I can only surmise from [redacted] letter that he believes that he may have received drugs at the "Edgewood Chemical Center" while he was in the military. Although existing records are incomplete and somewhat contradictory, the research carried on at Edgewood Arsenal was under the sole control of the Department of the Army. The only possible exception appears to concern a transfer of some $37,000 in 1971 from the CIA to Edgewood Arsenal to continue to pursue the testing of a particular compound. (See, Hearings before the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Senate Human Resources Committee, September 21, 1977.) In any event, as we understand the record, the testing of this compound was done on animals, not humans.

In conclusion, I would recommend that [redacted] review several publications, including Project MKULTRA, the CIA's Program of Research in Behavioral Modification: Joint Hearing Before the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Committee on Human Resources, United States Senate, 95th Congress, 1st Session, August 3, 1977, and Human Drug Testing by the CIA, 1977: Hearings on S. 1893 Before the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Committee on Human Resources, United States Senate, 95th Congress, 1st Session,

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September 20 and 21, 1977, to more fully understand the military testing of various drugs which was conducted separately and distinctly from any CIA endeavor. He may also wish to make a direct inquiry to the Department of Defense. The appropriate address is General Counsel, U.S. Department of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

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